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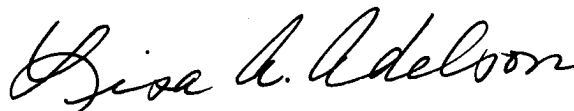
Sir:

Applicants request that the period for filing a Response to Office Action mailed October 3, 2008 be extended three (3) months from January 3, 2009 to April 3, 2009, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,110 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$1,110 extension of time fee and any additional fees associated with the present filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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